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from Solution While Minimizing Particle Loss

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 10), mailed September 18, 2000, in the above-identified application.

A Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 and a check in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is filed concurrently with this amendment.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1, 4, 9-12, 31, 33, 35, 40-43 without prejudice.

2. (amended) A method for isolating a peptide, polypeptide, or protein molecule from a sample in a vessel, comprising the steps of:

- (a) combining the sample containing a peptide, polypeptide, or protein molecule of interest with affinity particles suitable for binding said molecule, said affinity particles being insoluble in the sample;
- (b) collecting the affinity particles;